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SUBJ: INQUIRY ON IMPORTATION OF WEAPONS FOR GUN COLLECTORS TO  
SWITZERLAND

1. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY MR ROBERT M FURTER,  
OF ENGELGASSE 22, 4052 BASEL, SWITZERLAND, CONCERNING  
THE IMPORTATION OF TWELVE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS TO SWITZERLAND.  
MR FURTER IS A LAWYER REPRESENTING SEVERAL SWISS GUN  
COLLECTORS IN IMPORTING TWELVE THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS  
OF 1920'S VINTAGE FROM NUMRICH ARMS CORP, WEST HURLEY, NEW YORK.  
ACCORDING TO MR FURTER, ALL PAPERWORK WAS COMPLETED AND FORWARDED  
TO WASHINGTON, D C DURING JUNE THROUGH AUG 1975.

2. THUS FAR FURTER HAS BEEN UNABLE TO SECURE RELEASE OF THESE  
WEAPONS FROM US GOVT AUTHORITIES. ACCORDING TO FURTER, NUMRICH  
HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE TO ITS INQUIRIES IN WASHINGTON. FURTER  
STATED THAT HE HAD WRITTEN DIRECTLY TO JAMES P WALSH, OFFICE OF  
MUNITIONS CONTROL, US DEPT OF STATE, BUT HAS RECEIVED NO  
RESPONSE. HE SAYS THAT THE VALIDATION PERIOD FOR HIS SWISS  
BLUE/IMPORT CERTIFICATE WILL EXPIRE NOV 6, 1975. HE WOULD  
THEN HAVE TO REAPPLY FOR PERMISSION TO IMPORT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY BY TELEGRAM OF THE  
CURRENT STATUS OF THIS CASE.

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